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PART II

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ANALYSIS OF IFIS RESPONSIBILITIES

PROBLEM

To determine the work priority by major categories with which IFIS should normally concern itself.

DISCUSSION

The discussion conducted in Part I has concerned itself with planning priorities from a national viewpoint only. It is not written as a suggested IFIS priority work schedule, but rather it points out suggested psychological warfare categories on which the Government, as a whole, should concentrate.

IFIS, on the other hand, is interdepartmental, designed primarily to accomplish psychological warfare planning of an interdepartmental nature for a national emergency and the initial stages of war. It is also true that IFIS' responsibilities include assistance to "the Secretary of State in discharging his responsibilities for the National Foreign Information Program in time of peace." The great obstacle to IFIS' progress in planning has been the inability to settle on priorities of major categories. The resultant effect has been inadequate planning for a national emergency and the initial stages of war, and considerable confusion as to the responsibilities of the staff in the field of current planning.

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The following schedule is submitted, therefore, as an appropriate priority schedule by major categories by which IFIS will be governed.

PRIORITY I*

Interdepartmental planning in time of peace for national psychological warfare encompassing (a) a national emergency and the initial stages of war and (b) the organization and functions for the subsequent stages of a war.

1. Within this category immediate consideration should be given to the definition and priority of the essential elements of a national plan upon which can be based the psychological warfare plans of State, Defense, CIA, ECA, NSRB, etc.

PRIORITY II

Planning for interdepartmental psychological warfare in areas where local hostilities (U.S. or U.N.) are anticipated or known to exist.

PRIORITY III

Planning for current foreign information and propaganda of an interdepartmental nature in support of U.S. objectives in time of peace.

* When the international situation dictates, subjects in II and III may be given a temporary priority over Priority I subjects upon formal written notification by the Director (or the Board of Consultants, whichever is correct).